THE NEW BATTLE SERIES OF CHOUJIN GAKUEN'S KOKUZAWA YOUSUKE!!
A NINJA BATTLE ON THE ROAD TO BECOME THE NEW KING!!
THIS GUY LOOKING DOWN FROM ABOVE IS THE PROTA-GONIST !!!
HIIZURU COUNTRY
A GOR-GEOUS CASTLE TOWN !!!
忍
BAN
WA HA HA!
SCREECH

IT'S A DAMN NICE DAY TO START THE CAPTURE OF THE COUNTRY.
NINJA BATTLE
PUT YOUR HANDS UP!
AS EXPECTED, A LIVELY CASTLE TOWN IS NICE.
RAISE THE CURTAIN!!
CHAPTER
忍の
SHINOBI
BAN
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石沢庸介
YOSUKE KOKUZAWA Presents
CHAPTER I BAN THE SHINOBI

START FROM THE COLOR PAGES!
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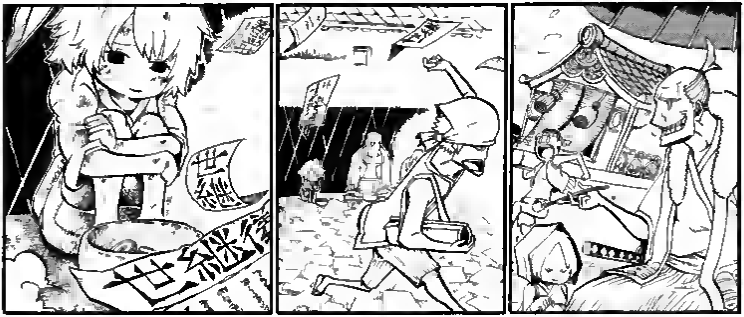
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HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO PAY THIS KINDA INTEREST SO SUDDENLY!?
BLAH, BLAH, BLAH!
HANA-CHA TEAHOUSE SHOPKEEPER
EDONO HANAMI
YA GET IT, RIGHT !!?
SHUT YER TRAP !!!

THIS'S FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD AND THE COUNTRY!
THE HISTORIC SUCCESSION CEREMONY'S 'BOUT TO BEGIN.
WAH!
EARNIN' EVEN ONE COIN WITH A SHITTY TEAHOUSE LIKE THIS'D BE A MIRACLE...
!?
BUT WITH THAT KINDA BODY, YA CAN PAY IT OFF EASY!!
...!!!
WELL, YA DON'T NEED TO WORRY 'BOUT THE PART YA CAN'T PAY..!

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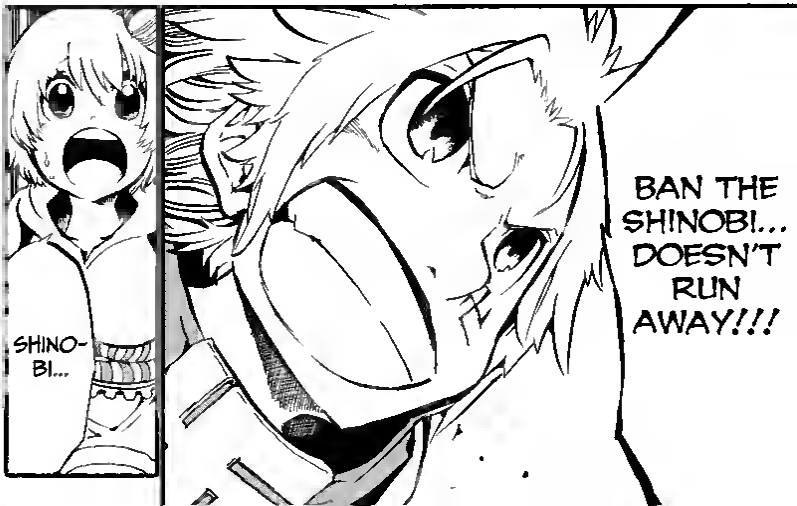
!!?
CAUGHT ITTTTT!!!

CAUGHT THE NATIONAL BIRD!!!
WAHA HAHA!!
TIME FOR GRUB!!!
ONIWA-BAN
CAUGHT THE NATIONAL BIRD.
Waha haha!
THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!!!?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
Slam Pango
WHY'D YOU CATCH THE NATIONAL BIRD?
HM?
DAN-GO...
CONSIDER THIS YER WARNING !!!
OH?

TAKE A GOOD LOOK, YA BITCH!!!
Y'KNOW WHAT WE, THE AKUMAJI GROUP, DO TO THOSE WHO GO AGAINST US!?
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?

I AIN'T DONE NUTHIN' WRONG!!!
IDIOT! HURRY UP AND RUN AWAY!!


BAN THE SHINOBI... DOESN'T RUN AWAY!!!
SHINO-BI...

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K.O!
GYAHAHA!!! YA GOT THREE DAYS TO PAY BACK THE LOAN PLUS INTEREST, WOMAN!!
AND IF YA CAN'T, YA CAN CLEAR YER DEBT WITH YER BODY !!!
ガバッ
どちゃ
UWAH!
HE'S DEAD !!!
HE DIED SO EASILY !!!

GYAA AAAA AH!!!
ANYWAY, WHAT'S A "DANGO"!?
YOU SACRIFICED THE NATIONAL BIRD!??
NATIONAL BIIIRD ??
IT WAS THE NINJA ART "I'M VERY SORRY, MR. NATIONAL BIRD" TECHNIQUE
REGRETFULLY...
HOW'RE YOU STILL ALIVE!!?
AT ANY RATE, THAT WAS TOO RECKLESS. EVEN AT THE BEST OF TIMES, TODAY'S WORLD...
IS NOT PEACEFUL AT ALL...
ANYWAY, I'M STARVING, Y'KNOW!
HAH?
OH, I GOT TOLD NOT TO FIGHT OTHERS.
WAHAHA! WHAT IS THIS THING? IT LOOKS LIKE POOP
...WELL, IN ANY CASE, I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE OKAY...
HERE, YOU WANTED SOME DANGO, RIGHT?

ESPECIALLY THE CASTLE AND THE CASTLE TOWN...
—HIIZURU CASTLE—
I MEAN, THE SUCCESSION CEREMONY'S ABOUT TO START AFTER ALL...
—KING'S AREA—

SHALL WE BEGIN...?
WELL, NOW...
CURRENT RULER OF HIIZURU COUNTRY
HIIZURU RETSU

ROYAL FAMILY SECOND SON
HIIZURU KONJIKIMARU
OUR HIIZURU COUNTRY'S SUCCESSION CEREMONY IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER COUNTRIES'...
ROYAL FAMILY ELDEST SON
HIIZURU SENSUI
ROYAL FAMILY ELDEST DAUGHTER
HIIZURU YUIKA
ROYAL FAMILY THIRD SON
HIIZURU JIN
ELDEST... YOUNGEST...
ROYAL FAMILY FIFTH SON
HIIZURU KAIKUU
ROYAL FAMILY FOURTH SON
HIIZURU TEN
WHETHER A MAN OR WOMAN...

AMONG MY SEVEN CHILDREN... THE STRONGEST AND MOST EXCELLENT ONE WILL PREVAIL
THIS IS A BATTLE TO GRAB HOLD OF EVERYTHING IN THIS COUNTRY !!!
PUT YOUR DESIRE TO CAPTURE THE COUNTRY ABOVE ALL ELSE !!!
THE STRONG WILL BECOME KING !!!
オオオ..
IT SEEMS WE'RE MISSING ONE...
WELL
.....

!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AT THE OPENING OF THE SUCCESSION CEREMONY, LORD KAIKUU

THAT EVEN THE LOWLY TRASHES ARE UNWILLING TO PAY ?
NO, I MEAN SHOULD I SAY THAT THE INTEREST IS A LITTLE TOO HIGH ..

IF IT ISN'T THE AKUMAJI GROUP... HAVE THE FUNDS FOR THE SUCCESSION CEREMONY BEEN PREPARED?

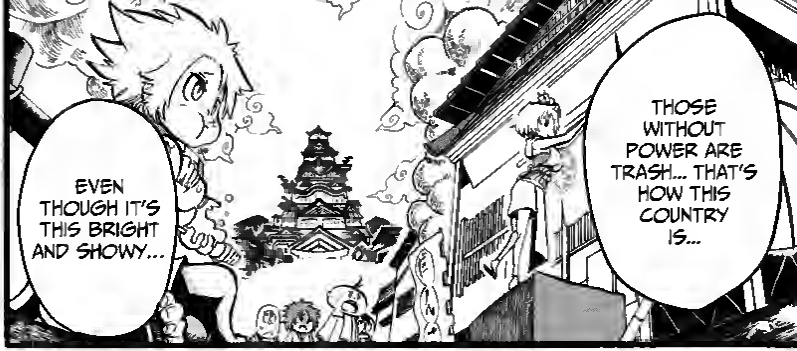
!
WHENEVER I SEE A PIECE OF TRASH I CANNOT USE, I FEEL LIKE BEATING IT TO A BLOODY PULP... DON'T YOU FEEL THE SAME?

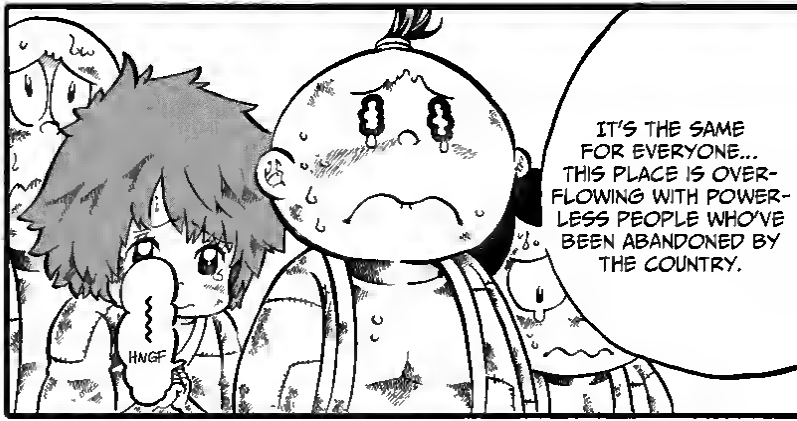
I FEEL THE SAME !!!
DEFI-NITE-LY!!!
THEN GO SQUEEZE IT OUT OF THEM...!!! THOSE ARE THE FUNDS I NEED TO BECOME THE KING.
TO MAKE SURE HE GETS ME THE MONEY WITHIN THE DAY.
TELL THE YOUNG MASTER ...
I'M NOT DRAGGING MY FEET LIKE MY LITTLE BROTHER, WHO UNDER-ESTIMATES THE SUC-CESSION CERE-MONY.

YOU'RE SO DAMN NOISYYYY!!!
IT'S SO DAMN TASTYYYYY!!!

IT'S NOT SELF-PROCLAIMED Y'KNOW
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? A REAL SHINOBI...
Well, it's good that it's delicious though
SHUT UP ALREADY!!! IDIOT!!! CAN'T YOU BE A BIT QUIETER, YOU SELF-PROCLAIMED SHINOBI!!?
AND WHAT'S WITH 'DAMN TASTY' SERIOUSLY
YOUR DANGO IS SO DAMN TASTY!!
Even more than the national bird!

THEY'RE THE HIDDEN DAGGERS OF THE HIZURU ROYAL FAMILY...!!!
WOULD BE AT THE BECK AND CALL OF THEIR LORD... THEY'RE THE LEGENDARY SUPERHUMAN UNIT THAT SUPPORTS THE EXPANSION AND DEFENSE OF THE COUNTRY FROM THE SHADOWS!!!
DOESN'T THAT JUST MAKE YOU A LITTLE BRAT?
I'M A SHINOBI WHO HATES BEING SNEAKY AND TAKING ORDERS.
TODAY'S EVEN THE OPENING OF THE SUCCESSION CEREMONY.
THERE'S NO WAY A SHINOBI WHO ONLY TAKES ORDERS FROM THE ROYAL FAMILY'D BE IN A BACKWATER PART OF THE TOWN LIKE THIS.
WE'LL THINK ABOUT IT...
WE DON'T HAVE THE CASH TO PAY IT...THE SHOP WILL... AND EVEN BIG SIS...!!!
ANYWAY, BIG SIS, WHAT'RE YA GONNA DO 'BOUT THE DEBT!?
Ain't what ole Lyra think you're pouring in them!
BIG SIS...
THIS KINDA THING AIN'T NEW.
WHEN THE TIME COMES !!!!


EVEN THOUGH IT'S THIS BRIGHT AND SHOWY...
THOSE WITHOUT POWER ARE TRASH... THAT'S HOW THIS COUNTRY IS...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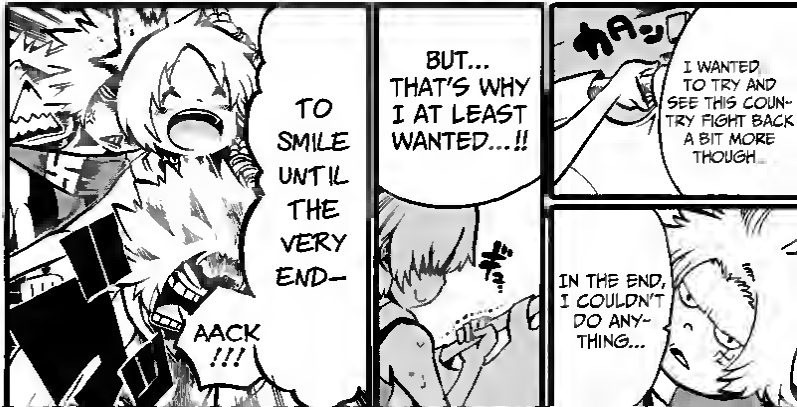
IT'S THE SAME FOR EVERYONE... THIS PLACE IS OVERFLOWING WITH POWERLESS PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN ABANDONED BY THE COUNTRY.


TO SMILE UNTIL THE VERY END—
AACK !!!
BUT... THAT'S WHY I AT LEAST WANTED...!!
I WANTED TO TRY AND SEE THIS COUNTRY FIGHT BACK A BIT MORE THOUGH...
IN THE END, I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING...

IT'S A TEA CART!!! YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR A CUSTOMER WHO AIN'T EVEN COMING, CAN YOU!!?
WAIT... WHERE'D YOU EVEN GET THAT BUTT-UGLY FOODCART FROM?
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN SAYING?
DON'T JUST GIVE UP!!!
WHA!?
THE HELL YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YOU DAMN BRAT!!?
DON'T LOSE TO A COUNTRY LIKE THIS!!!!
Shut up!
!?
I'LL GUARD AND SET IT UP!!!

SO DON'T YOU JUST GIVE UP EITHER !!!
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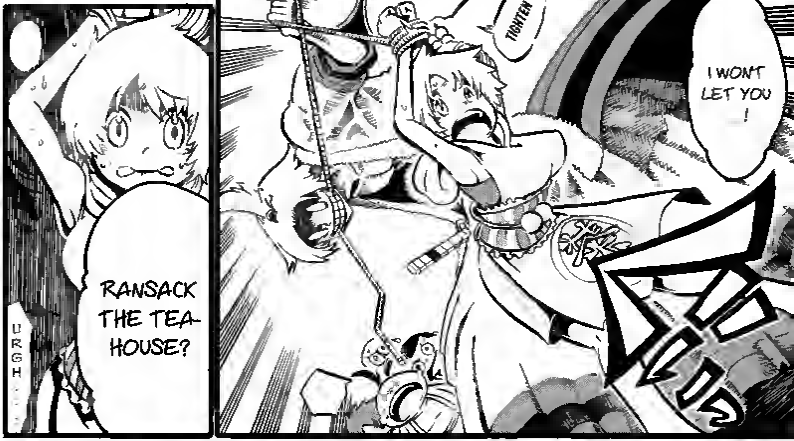
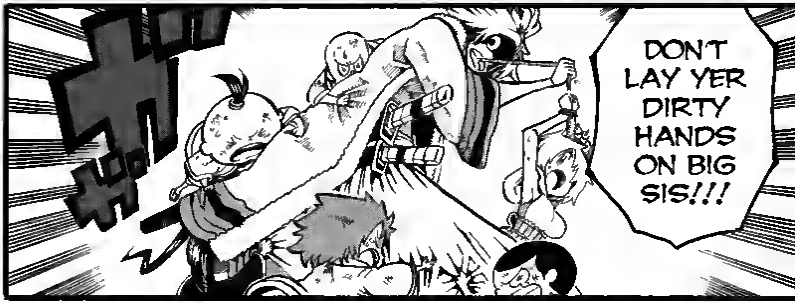
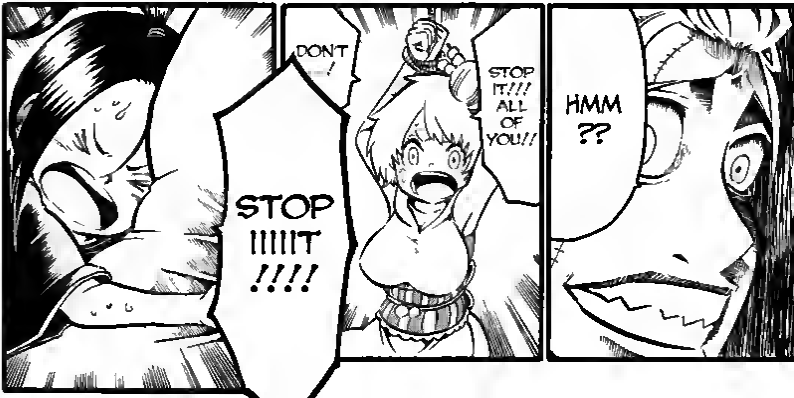
!
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE...
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO ABOUT THIS...?
TO TAKE THE DANGO
..HE FORGOT
TO SOME THIRD-RATE TEAHOUSE LIKE THIS!
AND THAT MEANS !!!
ANY CUSTOMERS ARE GONNA COME
SUCH A FARCE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POPULAR ANYWAY!!!
パク
AKUMAJI GROUP BOSS
AKUMAJI MITSUTERU

I HEARD MY SUBORDINATES BOTHERED YOU EARLIER. SORRY 'BOUT THAT
THE YAKUZA AGAIN!?
I'M THE YOUNG MASTER OF THE AKUMAJI GROUP. I'M THE ONE WHO LENT YOU THE MONEY TO SET UP THE TEAHOUSE.
BUT WHY IS THE YOUNG MASTER HIMSELF HERE...?
HAVE YOU... PREPARED THE MONEY?
EH?
!!!
SORRY 'BOUT THIS! THEY WANTED THE CASH TODAY NO MATTER WHAT.
AND IF THE BIG BOSSES WANT IT NOW, THEY GET IT NOW.
SO THAT MEANS...
EH?

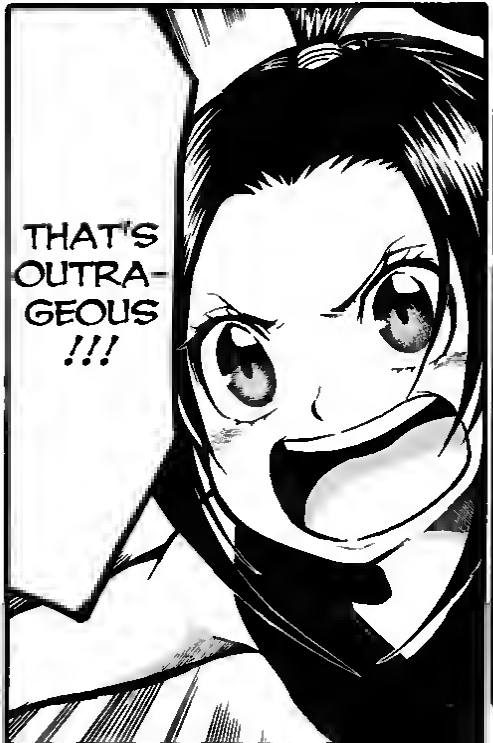

I WON'T LET YOU !
TIGHTEN
RANSACK THE TEA-HOUSE?
UGH

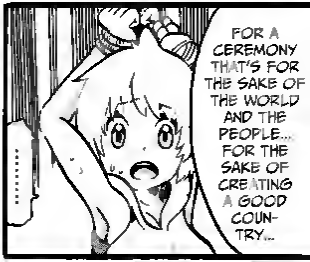

DON'T LAY YER DIRTY HANDS ON BIG SIS!!!


HMM ??
STOP IT!!! ALL OF YOU!!
DON'T !
STOP !!!!T !!!!

WHAT THE...?
WHO IS THIS KID?
TAKES OFF
FOLDS
THERE WE GO!
PAT
WHAT'S WITH THIS KID?
YOU THERE WAIT A SEC!! DON'T GET INVOLVED!!
THIS IS MY FAULT! IT'S BECAUSE I COULDN'T PAY BACK THE MONEY...
ISN'T THIS JUST EXTORTION FOR FUNDS FOR THE SUCCESSION CEREMONY?

A COUNTRY MUST UNDER-STAND THE PEOPLE IT RULES...!!!


THAT'S OUTRA-GEOUS !!!


FOR A CEREMONY THAT'S FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD AND THE PEOPLE... FOR THE SAKE OF CREATING A GOOD COUN-TRY...
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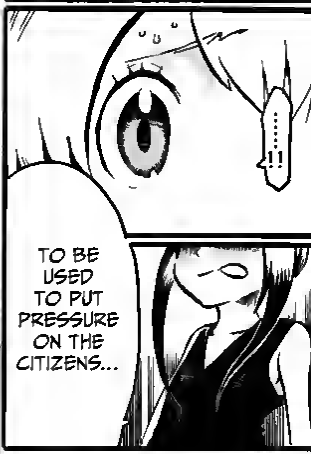
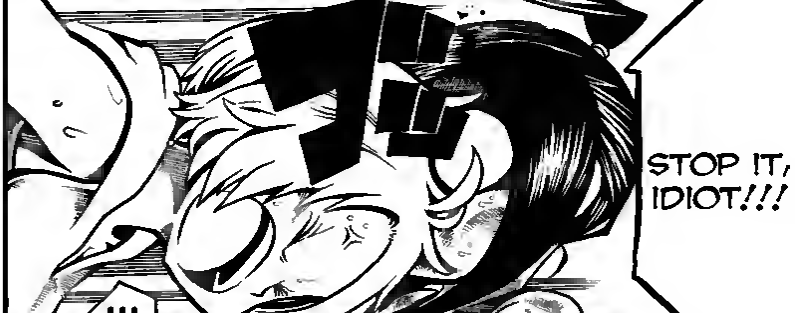
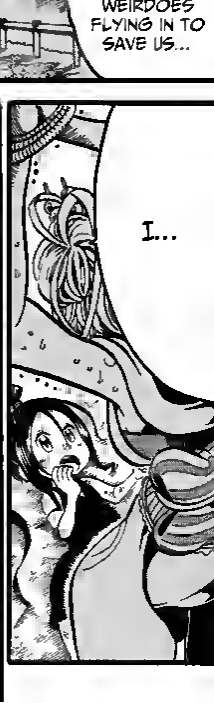

.....!!
TO BE USED TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE CITIZENS...

SO WHAT!? WHAT'S A DAMN BRAT DOING USING SUCH BIG WORDS ANY-WAY!??
WHAT'S THAT EVEN MEAN!??
UGH WHAT!?
ARGH!!!


!!!
STOP IT, IDIOT!!!

THANK YOU...
BUT IT'S ALRIGHT...
WHAT'S WITH TODAY ANYWAY...? ALL THESE WEIRDOES FLYING IN TO SAVE US...

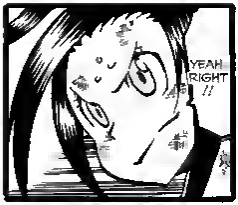
DON'T WANT THIS PLACE TO BE CO-VERED IN BLOOD ...!!


I...

SHE JUST KEPT BABBLING ON ABOUT SILLY DREAMS, DIDN'T SHE!!?
BUHAHA HAHA!!! THAT'S RIGHT!!! EVEN WHEN SHE CAME TO US TO BORROW MONEY,
SHE WAS TRASH WITH ONLY DREAMS IN HER HEAD!! THERE'S NO WAY TO MAKE ANY MONEY OFF OF THAT KINDA THING!!
GRR
SHE WORKED LIKE A PACK-HORSE FOR A DREAM THAT'D NEVER COME TRUE!!
IN THIS COUNTRY...

THEN I'LL MAKE THAT PLACE !!!
NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF PERSON IT IS..
WE DON'T HAVE A PLACE WE CAN BELONG.. EVERYONE'S GIVEN UP...
I'LL MAKE A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN COME IN AND LAUGH WITH EVERYONE ELSE!!
I WAS A FOOL FOR HAVING SUCH A DREAM !!!
ARGH!?
DON'T MAKE FUN OF BIG SIS!!!
YER BIG SIS WON'T BE RE-WARD-ED!!!
BUHAHAHA, SO MAKE SURE TO KEEP LAUGH-ING!! ELSE,

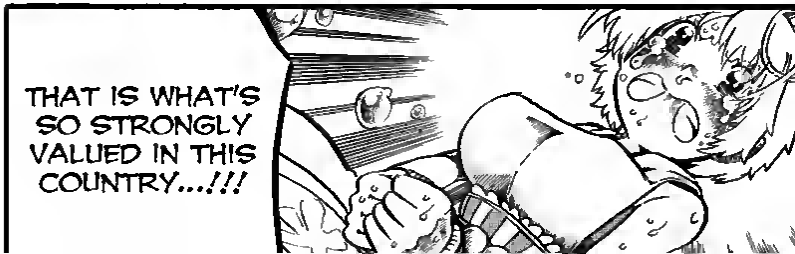
NO ONE IS EVER ALONE HERE!!!
IF YOU COME TO THIS PLACE... EVERYONE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE...
BIG SIS ALWAYS MAKES DANGO WITH A SMILE!!
DON'T LOSE, BIG SIS !!!
EVERY-ONE... !!!
DON'T GIVE UP!!!
THIS IS THE WARM-EST PLACE IN THIS COUN-TRY!!
NOT MY FAULT IF I KILL YA!!!!
WHAT NOW, YA LITTLE PUNKS!? THAT DIDN'T QUITE GO AS YA PLANNED !!
GUH/
AS IF I'D LET A BUNCH O' LITTLE KIDS GET THE BEST OF ME... !!!


YEAH, RIGHT !!

I WON'T LET YOU GET RID OF THEM!!

DRIVE

THAT DREAM ...
THAT HEART !!!


THAT IS WHAT'S SO STRONGLY VALUED IN THIS COUNTRY...!!!

BUHAH!!! INTERES-TING!!!
THIS ONE'S PERFECT FOR A LARGE SWING!!!
IF YOU KEEP CUTTING THINGS DOWN... THEN, ONE DAY, EVEN A SHARP BLADE WILL BECOME DULL ...!!!
!
NOW, PAY ATTENTION!!!
SHOW ME THE BLADE OF YOUR HEART!!!
BRING OUT YOUR DAGGER!!!

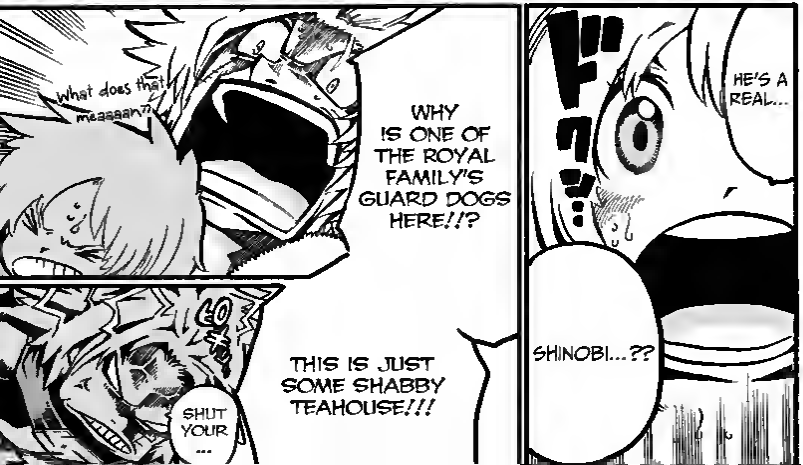
WHICH ONE SHOULD I SEND FLYING/? YOUR HEAD/? OR MAYBE YOUR ASS/?
UGH/
I HEAR THE DYING SCREAM OF AN ANIMAL ....
GUH !!!
WHICH MEANS ...!!!

!?
!??
HUH?

PE/N: Ban refers to himself as shoseki, which is written by combining the kanji for blade and heart
IT'S ME.
JITON!!!
(Hypnotic Drama!)
BAN !!!

!??
HE PULLED THE SWORDS TO HIM... AND THEN PUSHED THEM AWAY !??
CLINK
WHAT ON EARTH ?
?
EH!!!
DON'T SCREW WITH ME. THAT POWER... THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT.
!?

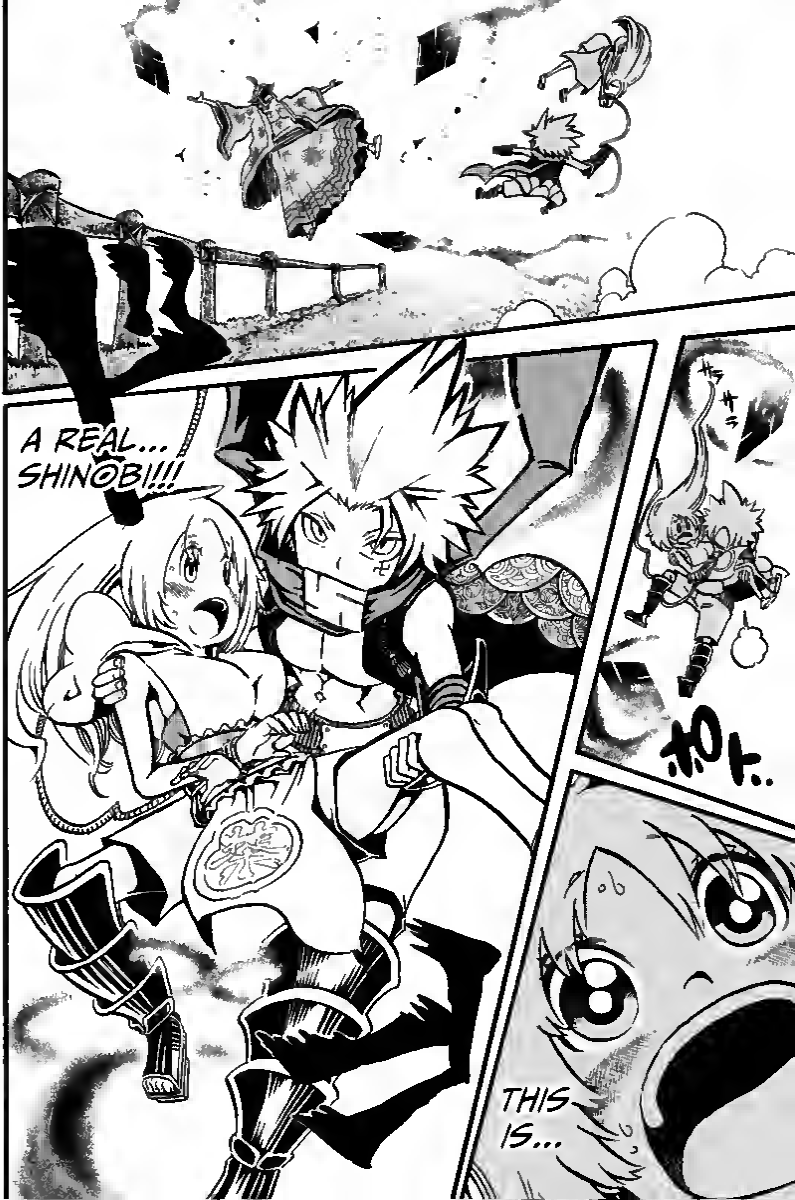
THE PROS OF ASSASSINATION AND COMBAT TECHNIQUES ...!!!
HIIZURU COUNTRY'S STRONGEST SUPER TROOPS, THE ONIWABAN CORPS...!!!!


What does that meaaaan??
WHY IS ONE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY'S GUARD DOGS HERE!!?
THIS IS JUST SOME SHABBY TEAHOUSE!!!
SHUT YOUR ...
ドッ!!
HE'S A REAL...
SHINOBI...??

THIS IS..
IRON SAND !?
!?
UGLY TRAAAAAP!!
YOU'RE JUST A SHITTY DOG THAT WAGS ITS TAIL AT ITS SHITTY MASTER!!
!!

JITON!!
WE'RE THE ONES WHO'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THE BATTLE TO TAKE THE COUNTRY !!!
THE IRON SAND IS... TURNING INTO ARMOR...!!!
.....!!!
YOU PUNKS DON'T HAVE AN OUNCE OF CONVICTION IN YOU!!!

BANKEN RANBU!!!!
(Ban's Boisterous Sword Dance)
TESSA HENKA!!
(Iron Sand Transformation)
DON'T COME IN UNINVI-TED!!!


A REAL... SHINOBI!!!
THIS IS...

THAT'S ALL FROM ME, FOLKS
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REALLY NOW.
BUT BEFORE THAT, WHY IS ONE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY'S SHINOBI EVEN HERE...?

I KNOW THAT!!!
I FORGOT TO TAKE THE DANGO
Gasha
Wahhha!

!!

?
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU'D GONE OFF SOMEWHERE AND LEFT ME BEHIND...
OH, YEAH

HANAMI,
!!

YOU ARE THIS HIIZURU MEI'S PERSONAL SHINOBI!!
MEI, WHY ARE YOU HERE!!?
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT WE CAN'T PLAY TODAY SINCE IT'S THE OPENING FOR THE SUCCESSION CEREMONY?
ROYAL FAMILY SIXTH SON
HIIZURU MEI
I WAS WORRIED THAT YOU'D DO SOMETHING, SO I LEFT THE CEREMONY AND CAME HERE.
WHAT KIND OF SHINOBI GOES OFF AND LEAVES HIS MASTER BEHIND JUST TO PLAY?
Are you serious?
Royal Family?
!?
Sixth Son?
Boy?
STOP IT, IDIOT!!!
THOUGH LIVING IN THE CASTLE GROUNDS ONCE THE SUCCESSION CEREMONY BEGINS IS NOT ALLOWED...
YES, I AM MEI.
Y-YOU SAID... HIIZURU...?
YES
THA... THAT'S WHERE YOU LIVE...??

!?
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うわぁぁぁ!!
HAHA !!!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SAVING ALL OF US PLEASE FORGIVE MY UNBELIEVABLE RUDENESS
IN THE END, I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING
BIG SIS IS KOWTOWING !!!
I SIMPLY CAME TO FIND BAN...
raise your head and stand
WAHAHAHA!
BESIDES, BAN AS WELL ..
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HN?
BIG BRO..
THAT GUY IS STUPID, BUT HE WILL ASSIST ONLY THOSE WITH CONVICTION...
ARE YOU AND THAT OTHER BIG BRO GONNA CHANGE THE COUNTRY...??

YOU... MAKE DANGO EVERY DAY!
LOOK FORWARD TO IT!!!
WAHAHA! DEFINITE-LY!!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE BIG WAVE CALLED THE SUCCESSION CEREMONY...
BUT RIGHT NOW...
AFTER I MAKE MEI KING, I'LL MAKE THIS INTO A COUNTRY WHERE YOU CAN HAVE AS MUCH DANGO AS YOU LIKE EVERY DAY!!!
YOU ARE UNMISTAKABLY THE ONE WHO HAS MOVED BAN'S HEART.

I BELIEVE THAT THIS COUNTRY CAN CHANGE...
...THANK YOU...
IF IT'S THESE TWO...
HM?
チュンチュン

MISS HANAMI!
WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE!??

BAN IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE YAKUZA MIGHT COME AND BOTHER MISS HANAMI AGAIN.
EH?
WHAT?
WE CAN'T STAY IN THE CASTLE DURING THE SUCCESSION CEREMONY.

AND MISS HANAMI BEARS THE SAME CONVICTION AS US TOO!
THIS IS A GOOD BASE FOR CAPTURING THE COUNTRY, TOO!
And there's good energy!
BASE!? WAH! I DON'T JUST DECIDE SOMETHING LIKE THAT ON YOUR OWN...
CARRYING THEIR IDEALS, THE CURTAIN RISES ON THE STORY OF THESE TWO YOUNG MEN!!
TO BE CONTINUED

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